

Stupak	Udall (NM)	Welch (VT)
Sullivan	Upton	Weldon (FL)
Sutton	Van Hollen	Weller
Tancredo	Velázquez	Westmoreland
Tanner	Visclosky	Wexler
Tauscher	Walberg	Whitfield
Taylor	Walden (OR)	Wicker
Terry	Walsh (NY)	Wilson (NM)
Thompson (CA)	Walz (MN)	Wilson (OH)
Thompson (MS)	Wamp	Wilson (SC)
Thornberry	Wasserman	Wolf
Tiahrt	Schultz	Woolsey
Tiberi	Waters	Wu
Tierney	Watson	Wynn
Towns	Watt	Yarmuth
Turner	Waxman	Young (AK)
Udall (CO)	Weiner	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Cramer	Hastert	Meeks (NY)
Davis, David	Herger	Murtha
Davis, Jo Ann	Hinchey	Neal (MA)
Doolittle	Hoekstra	Norwood
Edwards	Johnson (IL)	Peterson (PA)
Ellison	Johnson, E. B.	Rush
Ferguson	Kagen	Scott (GA)
Gutierrez	McKeon	Shimkus

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 93 and 94.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 93 and 94, for travel reasons I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution H. Res. 153) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 153

Resolved, That the following named members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.—Mr. Bonner, Mr. Barrett of South Carolina, Mr. Kline, and Mr. McCaul of Texas.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. MILLER of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to pay tribute to "The Town of Friendly People,"

Zebulon, North Carolina, which celebrates its 100th birthday this year.

Zebulon was founded on February 16, 1907, and was named to honor Zebulon Baird Vance, North Carolina's Governor during the Civil War. Governor Vance insisted, even in the midst of confusion and destruction of the Civil War, on maintaining the rule of law. North Carolina courts continued to function throughout the war, and North Carolina was the only State that never suspended the writ of habeas corpus.

Some of the early businesses in the town of Zebulon belonged to African American residents, like Surratt Dillard, who owned the town's first restaurant. The Wakelon School Building was built in 1909, telephones came to the town in 1911, and the first electric light system was installed in 1916. Today, some of the Nation's leading companies have chosen Zebulon as the place to do business.

In the past 100 years, the town size has grown by nearly 10 times, and nearly 5,000 folks now call Zebulon home.

I join the residents of Zebulon in their centennial celebration and I continue to work on the town's behalf.

CONGRESSIONAL INACTION JEOPARDIZES ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT IN WHEELER COUNTY

(Mr. WALDEN of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, Congress still has not passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act reauthorization. So what does that mean? For Wheeler County, Oregon, it means the sheriff's department will lay off a quarter of their workforce. Now, the force is only four deputies, four deputies including the sheriff, but they are responsible for patrolling 1,833 square miles. That is an area 30 times the size of the District of Columbia.

Last year, a deputy found 6,000 marijuana plants worth over \$19 million spread over a quarter of a mile of Federal land. This operation was financed by Mexican drug cartels and cultivated by illegal aliens.

When my office inquired further, we found out that the deputy of Wheeler County who was out patrolling was doing so on horseback on your Federal lands. That is where he is protecting America from drug cartels and those that push this on our kids.

The sheriff says, "Cutting these funds will increase criminal activity on our Federal lands."

The county judge says, "County payments has been our savior." And this Congress, this Congress and the last one, have failed to reauthorize county payments.

It is time you pass H.R. 17.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST CARLA JANE STEWART

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my constituent, Army Specialist Carla Jane Stewart of the 250th Transportation Company based in El Monte, California. Specialist Stewart was killed in action on January 28, 2007 in Tallil, Iraq, when her military convoy vehicle overturned.

Carla was born in La Canada Flintridge, California to an Armenian American family. Her father, Edmond Aprahamian, a former Marine, and her mother, Emmy Aprahamian, are proud parents who will cherish the memory of their daughter who chose to enlist in the U.S. Army at the age of 35. After completing her basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, she told her family and friends that if her unit was not deployed to Iraq, that she would volunteer to go. As it turned out, the 250th was deployed to Iraq last year and is due to return home in March.

Carla learned mechanical drafting alongside her father. Her family and friends have spoken with reverence of her distinctive commitment to duty, her dedication to her unit, her love of country and family. According to her father, Carla always had a smile. She was a small woman; her unit called her Stewart Little, but she was gutsy and in every other way giant.

It takes a special commitment to volunteer for military service in a time of war, and even greater devotion to country to do so at the age of 35, a time when most of us have put aside thoughts of abandoning the comfort of home to take up arms in the fight for liberty and freedom. Specialist Carla Jane Stewart did both, and on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, we honor her memory.

RECOGNIZING STAX RECORDS FOR ENRICHING THE NATION'S CULTURAL LIFE WITH "50 YEARS OF SOUL"

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution honoring Stax Records.

Soul music is a uniquely American art form that has enriched the Nation's cultural life. Indeed, its profound influences over popular music continues to be heard on today's music.

Stax Records, founded in Memphis 50 years ago, played a crucial role in soul music's rise to prominence. As such, it is an icon of the American recording industry. In fact, its iconic status was recognized by NARAS last night during the Grammys, when Stax legends Booker T. and the M.G.'s and their Green Onions, and Stax co-founder Estelle Axton were honored.